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MORE INJUSTICE IN EGYPT

The Islamic Council in a statement issued today said that the verdict given yesterday by a military court in Alexandria against many young Muslims, including the sentence of death on 8 and on others of life imprisonment, was yet another example of the injustice which has been meted out by Mubarak's regime ever since he assumed power.

These defendants have no right of appeal against the sentences passed and the only 'crime' they have committed is to protest against a corrupt and undemocratic regime. All the charges against them are baseless and have been fabricated by the police, which is consistent with Mubarak's usual policy. He has always had to govern under emergency laws and,now, has added the anti-terrorist law to the statute book to ease his path still further.

The Islamic Council condemned very strongly, as it has frequently had to do in the past, this trial and its outcome, but said that Mubarak's policy of persecuting those who spoke against him would not stop the Egyptian people from seeking a government based on the principles of justice and democracy. The price paid by these young Muslims in torture and imprisonment and maybe death would not be in vain.

The Council called upon all human rights organisations and all who are concerned with justice and the basic rights of people to freedom of expression to condemn the Egyptian regime and to pressurise for this verdict to be annulled.